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ST. JOSEPH'S GRAND OLD MAN.

While it was not a shock—as the

people of St. Joseph were prepared—

yet when it was announced Thursday

afternoon that Col. Elijah Gates, St.

Joseph's grand old man, had passed

to the great beyond and his spirit had

been called before his maker, there

was the general expression of a calam-

ity having befallen St. Joseph—the

city the deceased so loved—for one of

its best respected and most loved citi-

zens had passed away.

And the end came—came as he had

desired and had oft expressed as his

desire—peacefully and quietly. In the

early hours of the afternoon while

though outside of his home the fier-

cest storm of the winter raged, inside

was the hush, the peace and the calm

that had so gladdened his declining

years—and amid which he surren-

dered to the great captain.

There are no more such men as Col.

Gates. With his passing closes the

era in which he was born and in which

most of his stock and culture and

mental attainments were born. By

this is not to be inferred that there

are not other men just as intellectual,

just as powerful and just as heroic as

Col. Gates—but they are not like him

as he was.

Col. Gates was a man distinctive

from all others. He was a natural

leader of men—a man born to com-

mand—the man born to command

because he had those rare principles

of mind and heart which go to make

up a manly, competent, truthful and

honest man—one who by these prin-

ciples so endeared himself to his fel-

low creatures that they chose of their

own volition to make him their leader

and follow where he led—and he never

led them into wrong or doubtful

paths.

Col. Gates through his many manly

attributes had been much honored by

his fellow men—and he deserved all

that faithfully wrought in every place

to which his friends placed him. His

kindly, rugged and forceful but withal

generous nature made him feel that

they could trust him and they did—

and in the time of deepest trouble and

adversity he did not desert them.

Col. Gates is gone—but he will

never be forgotten, not while Missouri

or the Platte Purchase, or St. Joseph

endure. He will always be remem-

bered—and he will be more deeply

missed and most affectionately re-

membered by those with whom he

had come into the most intimate re-

lation—for they loved him.

WHY THIS SUDEN CHANGE?

All of the world is nothing—not won-
dering, however—at that announce-
ment made by Sir Edward Grey in
the British house of commons Tues-
day that the British government "isin sympathy with Russia's ambition
for a free outlet to warm water in
the South." It marks a change of
heart and a significant change in thehistoric policy of Great Britain—therefore it is to be noted—but again
not to be wondered at—varying for-
tunes in politics sometimes make
strange bedfellows.There was a time and that not many
years ago when to have staled that
policy would have been regarded by
England's statesmen as imperiling the
safety of the empire. A Russian out-
fit for warships was held to mean
jingoism for the Suez Canal, the wa-
ter route to India and Great Britain's
near Indian possessions. It was a
rash point in British policy to re-
ject Russia in this quarter.Today the physical conditions re-
main the same. Russia is the same
great empire, the route to India fol-
lows the same water courses, the Suez
canal is still necessary. But the
psychological conditions have chang-
ed; and as without the slightest hesi-
tation, an entirely new direction is
given to British policy.

At best the pay of a preacher of

the gospel is small enough generally

and it is as far different from

the self-vanting and twaddling noise
of Roosevelt as day is from night. It
is the policy of a true American who
detests war instead of encouraging it.
It will be just as well for the big
ones to look out for some other
method of keeping in his love—light
without organizing those nine
cavalry regiments. Why not go over
to Cuba and knock out Jack Johnson?
That would be some feat—and bring
more cheap notoriety.SHARP AS A PHILADELPHIA
LAWYER.There is after all something in the
familiar saying, "sharp as a Philadel-
phia lawyer," for one of the attor-
neys of that Quaker town has devised
a scheme to dispose of "interned"
ships that are costing the owners so
much for docking and guarding that
the owners have become anxious to sell, that will work.One of the ships interned there had
become a source of considerable con-
cern to its owner and he went to the
office of Blockade for advice. The
lawyer looked over the ground and
then advised his client to incur an in-
debt of about \$10,000 on the
vessel's account which he did, and
then refused to pay it. He was sued
and a judgment was obtained. The
ship was seized upon and put up for
sale by a United States marshal. The
United States court confirmed the sale
and the deed was done. Whether
more owners of such ships who want
to sell will engage that Philadelphia
lawyer or not is not known. He at
least got a ship owned by a belliger-
ent sold to a citizen of the United
States, isolated the American day in
it, and did it in a way that will make
it very difficult for any foreign gov-
ernment to protest.The fact is that there are no "in-
terned" ships in any of our harbors.
They are there at the will of their
owners and can leave at any time
they see fit. This government exer-
cises no compilation in the matter, as
it would if a worship of a belligerent
entered and stayed longer than twenty-
four hours. It is hinted that some
of these ships will be fitted upon for
wharf boats, which are raising up in
large numbers, one of them the other
day, to escape such charges, handled
by her sailors and sailed out into the
bay and anchored, but even then she
will have heavy expenses for guard-
ing and keeping up steam in her hull
out of fear of a storm, while the mil-
lion that she cost to construct are
being taken by the wind.The Philadelphia lawyer says he has
already devised a method to benefit
mankind. The ships are needed in
the commerce of the world and the
owners should have some returns on
their investment. Whether his plan
was a carefully worked out idea or
was an inspiration he will not say.SAD DAYS FOR THE STATE
UNIVERSITY.These are sad days at the Mis-
souri State University. No, not merely
because an unscrupulous legislature
has failed to appropriate the amount
asked by the management. The
university will get along somehow on
the money appropriated. More than
that, "Tolka" Grimes has told us
many times that most of the money
from football team. And Tolka is the
man who won the game at Lawrence
last fall, beating the Jayhawkers to
the tune of 10-7 with a field goal in
the last period. Mr. Grimes leaves
the university merely because he
couldn't connect with the former
markings in his studies and the rules
of M. U. declare that if a man can't
make a forward pass in the football
team—Admission Bulletin.If there were less of the taxpayers'
money spent on football and kindred
athletics, there would be no reduction
in the amount of the appropriation
asked by the university—of course. It
should also be added that if there was
a little more effort used on the part of
the great corps of instructors to see
that a little education was instilled
into the students in order that when
they left the university they could at
least stand on a par in education with
the student who achieved his or her
education in the "little red school
house" and never saw the outside for
more than the yards of a state university,
there would be no person in Missouri
who would oppose any desired increase
in the appropriation.

TO HELP WORN OUT MINISTERS.

A movement which should have the
help of every citizen regardless of his
religious affiliations is that inaugu-
rated by the Board of Missions Relief
and Sustenance of the Presbyterian
church. This board reports that there
are now over 1,000 Presbyterian min-
isters, whose days of active usefulness
are over and who have no means at
hand and no road to draw upon with
which to meet the real necessities of
life—earthing except such as may be
given them voluntarily by the
churches or organizations which they
have so gladly served—and this help
is far from adequate, for among the
number are many aged missionaries,
their wives, widows and orphans.We should encourage such train-
ing, and make it a means of disciplinewhich our young men will take to
value. It is right that we should pro-
vide it, not only for those who should
be given as much as possible, and
so induce our young men to undergo
it at such times as they can command
a little freedom and can seek the
physical development they need for
more health's sake, if for nothing
more. Every means by which such
can be stimulated is legitimate and
such a method marks of true
American ideas.It is right, too, that the national
guard of states should be developed
and trained by every means
which is not inconsistent with our ob-
ligations to our own people or with
the established policy of our govern-
ment. And this also, not because the
time or occasion specially calls for
such measures, but because it should
be our constant policy to make these
provisions for our national peace and
safety."

That sounds like reason and logic—

and it is. It is as far different from

ranging around \$200 a year. On this

income the preacher is not able to live
by money for old age. He has his which the Democrats proposed, should
be put out in the next shuffle for ar-
bitrage—if the good of the country is
concerned.If nothing else was accomplished
by the closing of the session, one great
good result would be that red-headed
Kansan would be dictator and James
Murphy, was dropped for good, Kans-
as as well as Washington is tired of
him—and he knows it.If some men would work half as
hard to pay their debts and make
themselves and their neighbors happy
as they do to save the country, what
a glorious commonwealth this wouldbe. By the establishment of the federal
bank system the Democratic party
if it never promulgates another
measure has done more for the people of
the United States than the Republican
party did in forty-six years of power.That fellow who ordered a St. Joe-
ph police officer to get off the side-
walk and hit the law minister because
he did not obey, now knows exactly
how hard his skull is.St. Joseph business men placed
themselves squarely against the pro-
posed freight rate increases at the
hearing before the Utilities board this
week—which is right.If all of those aliens who sought
naturalization papers in the federal
court here this week were sent back
to their native countries, the war
would grow fiercer.The Trust company has a lady em-
ployee here in England, who has a
number of loans purchased of it.
Among them is a loan, originally to
an American, but later passing to a
man of German name who now owns
the merged property.The lady in England has written the
Trust company that she has examined
the German name. She asks whether the
debtor is in fact a German, and to
force the Trust company if he is to
foreclose when due, even if it should
compel them to go to the workhouse.
The latter continues, "I am only afraid
it is some time before it falls due,
but if it is five years hence, my order
will stand and if there are American
holders of the note, it will be of
German extraction. It makes no differ-
ence. I wish you to know that they were
wandering, homeless and penniless in
day because of me. I am degraded when
I take their money."In the extremity of her wrath, the
lady continues that she is ashamed of
being an American, and thanks God,
England does not need our help, con-
tinuing in a bitter straitness of anti-
American attitude toward the allied
powers.As long as non-combatants use such
measures and means as long will there
be added help on the part of the people
of the warring countries to keep
up the wholesale butchery which their
governments have inaugurated. The
united non-combatants stop such
war, the winner will there be what
every living human should desire—a
cessation of this wholesale murder.

JUST A PLEASING PASTIME.

Every few days some St. Joseph
patron with a little fevered imagina-
tion will let out a wail or two about
what he is pleased to call "that war
in Mexico" and he will then if any one
will stop and listen to him go on
telling his woes in his super-heated way
what he sees.Now just to tell the plain truth
about it, there is no war in Mexico. If
you will compare real war to what is
going on in Mexico it could not be
assumed the dignity or importance of a
disturbance of the peace.Now and then of course there is
some assassination by one faction or
another, and some occasional shoot-
ing at each other, and some marching
into and out of capitals to ad-
vance and retreat, but nothing like
modern war. No burrowing in the
ground, no dynamiting of trenches, no
bomb dropping from Zeppelins, no
naval bombardments of undefended
coast communities, no submarine har-
bor, no slaughtering of non-combatants,
no anything else of what we
have recently learned to look upon as
war.Of course the Mexican situation is
nothing for those participating to get
excited over. It is not an interesting distur-
bance. But it is not war. It bears about the
same relation to the real article as
assault and battery does to murder.Well, after all of that noise and
hurrah that confirmation of Dr. Chan-
dler and Joe McDonald does not seem
to have been blocked.El Paso business men may insure
Jack Johnson safe conduct to Juarez,
but they can't allege Uncle Sam is
standing behind them.By all means let us have a new
theater and business block on Edmond
street and get rid of those shacks.Other optimists are those people
who are organizing to drive 7,000 ex-
homeless out of Chicago in 1918.Now that Congress has adjourned let
us all take a long breath and then
settle down to hard work.Perhaps some of those shamefully
costumed Chicago equestriennes voted
against Mayor Harrison.The drop in wheat this week also
means a drop in many a speculator's
pocket change.Quoted from the United States army
building in New York, the AmericanLegion may be said to have met with
its first reverse.Will Gordon and his brothers are
getting ready for an aggressive spring
campaign.In a couple of weeks there will be
spring—and then look for the Roster
banners.If you did not wear ledge badges or
colors this week, you were not in the
line.Joined. Teddy Theodore's Army
yet?

Get ready to make garden—later.

What the Missouri
Editors Are Saying
